

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2344

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 9, 1982

Investigation of METRO-AREA SIGHT- )  
SEEING TOURS and Order to Show )  
Cause why Certificate No. 36 should )  
not be revoked for dormancy )

Case No. MP-82-08

Title II, Article XII, Section 3 of the Compact requires, inter alia, that every carrier furnish transportation as authorized by its certificate. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 36, issued to Metro-Area Sightseeing Tours similarly obliges that carrier to provide reasonable, continuous and adequate service within the scope of its operating rights.

In calendar year 1980, Metro-Area transported 139 adults and 18 children in individually-ticketed sightseeing operations. Gross revenues were \$2,900 while unspecified expenses totaled \$3,518. 1/ For calendar year 1979, the carrier shows no operating revenues and unspecified operating expenses of \$1,993. Balance sheets for both years show no assets and no liabilities.

For calendar year 1981, assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses all are shown as zero. The report notes that "[a]ll income producing operation was suspended for the entire season due to illness of operator." 3/ Accordingly, there appear to be reasonable grounds to believe that Metro-Area has not been fulfilling its above-described common carrier obligation.

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1/ 1980 Annual Report of Metro-Area Sightseeing Tours.

2/ Ibid.

3/ 1981 Annual Report of Metro-Area Sightseeing Tours.

Title II, Article XII, Section 13(b) describes generally the authority of the Commission to investigate matters relating to the duties set forth in the Compact. Title II, Article XII, Section 4(g) of the Compact further provides that, under certain conditions, the Commission may suspend, change or revoke, in whole or in part, a carrier's certificate.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

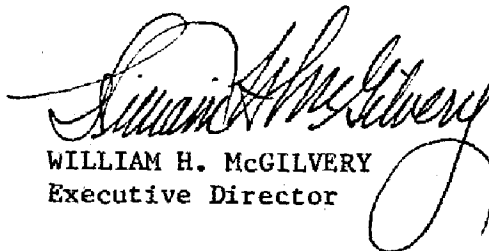
1. That an investigation of Metro-Area Sightseeing Tours is hereby instituted pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 13(b) of the Compact to determine if said carrier has been rendering continuous, reasonable and adequate service to the public in accordance with its WMATC Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 36.

2. That Metro-Area Sightseeing Tours is hereby made a party respondent to this investigation.

3. That Metro-Area Sightseeing Tours is directed, within 30 days from the date of service hereof to file with the Commission such evidence, in writing and under oath, as it may deem pertinent to show good cause, if any there be, why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 36 should not be revoked.

4. That, should a public hearing on the matters raised herein be desired, Metro-Area Sightseeing Tours should include a request for an oral hearing as part of the filing required under the preceding paragraph.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS CLEMENT, SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director